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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT: Request for Increased Personnel Ceiling,
Office of Special Activities, DD/S&T

REFERENCE: Memorandum from Executive Director-
Comptroller to Deputy Director for
Science and Technology; same Subject,
dated 12 March 1964

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 5.

2. The current OSA personnel ceiling [] estab-
lished in referenced memorandum, has proved inadequate to
ensure the successful continuance of the operational missions
assigned to that Office. An immediate need exists for an
increase of [] the distribution of which appears
in Tab A. This increase will ensure the capability of OSA
to:

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- a. continue at full intensity test and
developmental endeavors designed to
bring the OXCART vehicle to full design
specifications;
- b. be prepared to mount an acceptable
SKYLARK operation on 5 November 1964;
- c. develop and maintain a full U-2
capability.

3. After attaining the SKYLARK posture, it is intended
to increase the OSA operational capability until the ability
to fly SKYLARK missions on a continuous basis, from either

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25X1 [] or a deployment base, is reached, plus the additional capability of flying the A-12 original designed mission on an emergency type requirement. To ensure reaching this capability, it is requested that [] positions be authorized the Office of Special Activities on an incremental basis, i. e., as personnel are cleared, until a posture of 25X1 [] personnel is reached on 1 July 1965. (Tab B).

4. It is of interest that [] positions requested are to be filled by military detailees. Should future events dictate a reduction in OSA strengths, cutbacks could be resolved quickly with little if any disruptive impact upon the Agency career service structure. 25X1

5. It is recommended that an immediate increase of [] positions be allowed OSA with a further incremental increase of [] positions to be manned prior to 1 July 1965. 25X1

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Deputy Director
for
Science and Technology

The recommendation contained in paragraph 5 is APPROVED:

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Date _____

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TAB A.

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CRITICALLY NEEDED AS OF TODAY

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BASIC OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY

A-12

- SKYLARK Capability:

4 missions per month.

60-90 day duration.

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U-2

- Full Capability:

25X1

2 Team Staging capability
at Edwards AFB.

Headquarters

- Complete operational control
and support of present
projects.

- Satisfactory depot, satellite
and security support.

- Standby status for OXCART bases.

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TAB B.

NEEDED PRIOR TO 1 JULY 1965

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INCREASED OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY

A-12

- SKYLARK on continuous basis from [] or deployed. Emergency capability for designed mission.

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U-2

- Complete capability:

[]

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2 Team Staging capability at Edwards, AFB.

Headquarters

- Complete operational control and support of present and planned projects.

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- Satisfactory depot, satellite and security support.
- Standby status for OXCART bases.

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